MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): അതു മെമ്പക്കുതന്നെനോക്കാം. പ്രാസ്പെക്ടസ് ഗസറ്റിൽ പ്രസിദ്ധം ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്; സ്കൂളിലുംഉണ്ട്.

MR. R. S. SUBRHAMANYA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ആ വിവരം ഇപ്പോൾ മെമ്പക്കു പറയുവാൻ സാധിക്കുകയില്ലെ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): തയ്യാറായിവന്നിട്ടില്ല.

MR. R. S. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ഈ സ്കൂളിലെ (maximum) മാക്സിമം സ്ട്രെങ്ത് (strength) എന്താണ്?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): ഉത്തരം പാട്ട് (ഡി) യിൽ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. R. S. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ഈ സ്കൂളിൽ പ്രവേശനം അനുവദിക്കുന്ന ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥനാരാണ്? പ്രാസ്പെക്ടസ്സിൽ കാണുമായിരിക്കാം; എങ്കിലും അതാരു പറയാമോ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): ഇൻഡസ്ട്രിയൽ ഡയറക്ടരാണ്.

Malayalam Shorthand class in the Commercial School, Alleppey.

98. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was a Malayalam Shorthand class in the Commercial School at Alleppey;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the date on which it was discontinued and the reasons for the same;

(*c*) whether representations, dated 10-7-1102 and 30-8-1102, were made to the Director of Industries, praying that the class referred to above be not discontinued; and

(*d*) the action taken on the representations referred to above?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) At the end of April 1927; for want of strength.

(*c*) Only one representation dated 10-7-1102 was received.

(*d*) The report of the Headmaster, Government School of Commerce, Alleppey, was called for. His report showed that no further action was necessary.

Malayalam Typewriter.

99. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): With reference to the answer to question No. 4, asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 8th August 1927, will the Government be pleased to state:

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[Mr. A. S. Damodaran Asan.]

(*a*) whether the Malayalam typewriting machine has been constructed under the supervision of Mr. Sankaran Pandalay, the designer of the Malayalam typewriter; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the date on which the construction was completed and the steps taken by them to popularise the machine?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) A model of a Malayalam typewriter was produced by Mr. N. Sankaran Pandalay by fitting up a key board designed by him on a Royal Typewriter machine.

(*b*) The model machine was completed in February 1928. A provision of Rs. 18,750 is made in the Preliminary Budget for 1108 under "Stationery—contingencies" cost of stationery for public departments—for the purchase of 50 machines.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether anything has been done after February 1928 to popularise the machine?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The machine must come before it can be popularised.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Do the Government expect the machine to be got down during the course of 1108?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is what they think.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Have the Government made any provision to see that the machine is obtained?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government have provided money in the budget. Mr. Pandalay has arranged with the Royal Typewriter Manufacturing Company to manufacture and send up the machines in 1108.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Is it with any assistance from the Government or from any recommendation that Addison and Co. have taken up the work?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government had also something to do with it, but the correspondence was mainly between Mr. Pandalay and the Company.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether the correspondence was going on all these four years?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Company in America had to find out by actual experiment the model suitable for working the machine.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Is this the only method which the Government intend to adopt for popularising the machine?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): When the machine comes here, we can arrange here for popularising it.

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MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Sir, I rise to present the Budget Estimates for 1108. Before proceeding to review the financial position for the current and ensuing years, I shall, as usual, explain briefly the results of the last financial year.

ACTUALS OF 1106.

2. The final audited figures of ordinary revenue and expenditure charged to revenue for the year 1106 stood at Rs. 227·18 lakhs and Rs. 239·41 lakhs, respectively, against the revised estimates of Rs. 233·18 lakhs and Rs. 240·65 lakhs. The year thus closed with a revenue deficit of Rs. 12·23 lakhs as against a deficit of Rs. 7·47 lakhs anticipated in the revised estimates. The increase of Rs. 4·76 lakhs in deficit was due to the fall in revenue to the extent of Rs. 6 lakhs and to a less expenditure of Rs. 1·24 lakhs, as compared with the revised estimates. The decrease in revenue was mostly under Excise (1·89), Customs (·82), Forest (1·00), Stamps (1·22) and Registration (·57) brought about mainly by the economic depression. The fall in Customs revenue was also due to the reduction, from the 5th Karkatakam 1106, of the tariff values, for purposes of levy of export duty, on our more important articles of export. On the expenditure side, the net variation was a decrease of about Rs. 1¼ lakhs in an expenditure of Rs. 239·41 lakhs. The receipts from the sale proceeds of the Government lands and the capital expenditure not charged to revenue amounted to Rs. 2·58 lakhs and Rs. 14·43 lakhs, respectively, as against the revised estimates of Rs. 3·25 lakhs and Rs. 16·60 lakhs. The Government closing balance which was expected to stand at Rs. 144·75 lakhs, was thus reduced to Rs. 141·49 lakhs at the close of the year.

REVISED ESTIMATES FOR 1107.

3. While framing the budget in Mithunam 1106, we expected to realise a total revenue of Rs. 232·19 lakhs and programmed for an expenditure of Rs. 231·65 lakhs, leaving a nominal surplus of Rs. 0·54 of a lakh. But in view of the heavy fall in revenue realisations of 1106, the actuals of which were known only in the early part of the current year, the original estimates under all the revenue and service heads were scrutinised early this year and reductions to the extent of Rs. 6·43 lakhs were effected under travelling allowances, works and contingencies. It was however felt that the reduction thus effected was not sufficient, and that it was essential that the expenditure should be kept within limits, to the extent possible. A committee of officials and non-officials was therefore appointed to investigate the means of retrenchment, both permanent and temporary, in the expenditure of the State, and after an examination of all possible economics, with a view to stabilising the financial position, to make specific recommendations for reducing expenditure, with due regard to the needs of efficient administration. The committee commenced sittings on the 9th Tulam 1107 and their final report is expected shortly. But, as soon as they completed their discussions on any particular department or on any general question affecting

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